

**Fair Political Practices Commission  
Memorandum**

To: Chairman Johnson, Commissioners Hodson, Huguenin, Leidigh, and Remy  
From: Sukhi Brar, Commission Counsel  
Subject: Legislative Report  
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The following bills affecting the Political Reform Act were signed by the governor in 2008:

**SB 1772 (Senate Rules Committee) Behested Payments.**

This bill was signed by the governor on September 27, 2008, and extends existing “behested payments” reporting requirements to members of the Public Utilities Commission. This bill goes into effect on January 1, 2009.

**AB 583 (Hancock) California Fair Elections Act of 2008.**

This bill was signed by the governor on September 30, 2008. This bill requires the Secretary of State to submit the California Fair Elections Act of 2008 (CFEA) to voters for consideration at the June 8, 2010, statewide primary election. If approved by voters, The CFEA would provide candidates for Secretary of State with the option of obtaining public funding to promote their candidacy during the 2014 and 2018 elections. The Commission would be responsible for administering the CFEA, including issuing public funding to candidates and enforcing the lawful usage of those funds. The Commission opposed this bill due to inadequate funding.

**AB 1998 (Silva) Local Agency Formation Commission Proposals.**

This bill was signed by the governor on July 22, 2008. This bill imposes requirements on committees that are formed to support or oppose a local agency formation commission (“LAFCO”) proposal(s). A LAFCO is an administrative body vested with the authority and responsibility to control the process of municipal expansion by overseeing local agency boundary changes. The bill requires LAFCO committees to file monthly campaign statements from the time circulation of a petition begins until a measure is placed on the ballot or the committee is terminated. After a LAFCO proposal measure is placed on the ballot, this bill would require a committee formed to support or oppose the proposal to file those same campaign statements required of other committees formed to support or oppose ballot measures under the Act. This bill goes into effect on January 1, 2009.

**AB 2607 (Davis) Electronic Filing of SEI's.**

This bill was signed by the governor on September 28, 2008, and authorizes the counties of Los Angeles, Merced, Orange, and Stanislaus to participate in a pilot program to permit the electronic filing of statements of economic interests for filers other than those listed in Government Code Section 87200. The pilot program is authorized to run from January 1, 2009, to January 1, 2012, and requires counties participating in the pilot program to submit a report to the FPPC containing specified information regarding the electronic filing process no later than July 1, 2011. The FPPC would then transmit these reports, along with any recommendations from the Commission, to the Legislative Analyst’s Office, which is required to provide a report evaluating the program to the Legislature no later than March 1, 2012. This bill goes into effect on January 1, 2009.

The 2009-2010 legislative session will begin on December 1, 2008.